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OPERATIONAL ACTIVITIES FOR DEVELOPMENT: UNITED NATIONS POPULATION FUND

Draft resolution submitted by the Vice-Chairman of the Committee, Mr. Ahmed Amaziane (Morocco), on the basis of informal consultations held on draft resolution A/C.2/45/L.61

Population and development

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolution 44/210 of 22 December 1989, in which it requested the Executive Director of the United Nations Population Fund to examine, in particular, the implications for population programmes of the Amsterdam Declaration on A Better Life for Future Generations, 1/ to develop further the analysis of resource requirements for international population assistance and to submit a report thereon to the General Assembly at its forty-fifth session through the Governing Council of the United Nations Development Programme and the Economic and Social Council,

Noting decision 90/35 of 23 June 1990 of the Governing Council of the United Nations Development Programme on the United Nations Population Fund, 2/

Also noting Economic and Social Council resolution 1990/82 of 27 July 1990,

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1/ A/C.2/44/6, annex.

2/ See Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, 1990, Supplement No. 9 (E/1990/29), annex I.

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Noting that the report of the United Nations Population Fund entitled The State of World Population, 1990, stressed that population growth and distribution are closely linked with environmental and development issues,

Reaffirming the principles and objectives of the World Population Plan of Action, 3/ which were affirmed and expanded at the International Conference on Population, 4/

Recognizing that socio-economic development is conducive to the success of population policies,

Reaffirming also that assistance to developing countries in the area of population should be substantially increased during the 1990s and that developing countries should also intensify their efforts to allocate adequate resources to population programmes,

1. Emphasizes the national sovereignty of all countries to formulate, adopt and implement their population policies, mindful of their cultures, values and traditions, as well as of their social, economic and political conditions, and also consistent with human rights and with the responsibilities of individuals, couples and families;

2. Takes note of the report of the Executive Director of the United Nations Population Fund on the implications for population programmes of the Amsterdam Declaration and on efforts to develop further the analysis of resource requirements for international population assistance, 5/ which outlines the unmet and expanding resource needs for population activities;

3. Encourages the Fund to sustain the momentum generated by the International Forum on Population in the Twenty-first Century, held at Amsterdam from 6 to 9 November 1989, through continued follow-up to the recommendations contained in the Amsterdam Declaration;

4. Stresses the need to take into account all economic and social factors in integrating demographic objectives in population strategies and in the formulation of development strategies in general;

5. Emphasizes the importance of mobilizing and increasing the resources required for population activities, and in this context:

3/ See Report of the United Nations World Population Conference, Bucharest, 19-30 August 1974 (United Nations publication, Sales No. E.75.XIII.3), chap. I.

4/ See Report of the International Conference on Population, Mexico City, 6-14 August 1984 (United Nations publication, Sales No. E.84.XIII.8 and corrigenda).

5/ DP/1990/44.

(a) Urges all Governments, each according to its capacity, concerned international and regional organizations, including the World Bank, and non-governmental organizations to make every effort to mobilize the resources required for population activities, which are estimated at $9 billion per year by the year 2000, taking into account the potential for user contributions, where feasible and advisable;

(b) Notes the crucial importance of resource investments in health and education, especially for women, for the success of population programmes, and urges Governments of developing countries to strengthen, according to their economic and social capacities and conditions, their political and financial commitments to investments in the social sector, and Governments of developed countries, as well as concerned international, regional and non-governmental organizations, to strengthen their financial and technical support in the areas of health and education, to respond positively to requests for population assistance and to increase significantly the proportion of their development assistance going to population activities;

6. Stresses the desirability of concentrating Fund resources, in accordance with the criteria established by the United Nations Population Fund, on countries most in need of assistance in the population field in view of their population problems, taking into account the special needs of the low-income countries, particularly the least developed countries;

7. Encourages the Fund, in conformity with General Assembly resolution 44/211 of 22 December 1989, to strengthen and utilize national capacities through national execution, to enhance accountability, to adopt a programme-oriented approach and decentralize capacity and authority to the field level and to support co-ordination of the United Nations system at the country level through the resident co-ordinators, and in this context, encourages the Fund to increase the utilization of available national expertise in the formulation and implementation of population assistance activities;

8. Further encourages the Fund, the United Nations Children's Fund, the World Health Organization and other relevant United Nations organizations and specialized agencies to strengthen their co-operation in the field of maternal and child health care and family planning, each within its own mandate;

9. Emphasizes the importance of addressing the relationship between demographic pressures and unsustainable consumption patterns and environmental degradation, during the preparatory process of the United Nations Conference on Environment and Development taking into account the subsequent decisions of the Preparatory Committee for the United Nations Conference on Environment and Development, in accordance with General Assembly resolution 44/228 of 22 December 1989;

10. Reaffirms the importance attached to the role of population policies in relation to development, as emphasized, inter alia, in the Declaration on International Economic Co-operation, in particular the Revitalization of Growth and Development of the Developing Countries, adopted by the General Assembly at its

eighteenth special session, 6/ the Programme of Action for the Least Developed Countries for the 1990s and the International Development Strategy for the Fourth United Nations Development Decade; 7/

11. Welcomes the willingness of the 19 members of the Development Assistance Committee of the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development, as expressed in the December 1989 policy statement by Committee aid ministers and heads of aid agencies for their aid policies for the 1990s, and reiterated at Committee meetings on population and development matters held in April and June 1990, to assist developing countries to establish, fund and implement effective population strategies and programmes as a matter of priority;

12. Stresses the primary role of Governments in the formulation, implementation and co-ordination of population policies and programmes at the national level and the role of the United Nations Population Fund, upon request, in supporting the development of national capacities in that respect;

13. Stresses also the need for co-ordination at the regional and interregional levels to focus on issues related to the attainment of specific population goals and objectives;

14. Recommends that the Fund continue to focus attention on the importance of population issues in the context of overall development plans and programmes, in particular those oriented towards the reactivation of economic growth and development of developing countries, and on the need to find and mobilize adequate resources to address these issues, and in this context, urges the Fund to continue to undertake activities aimed at building up better awareness of population issues, including, inter alia, their relation to environment and development issues and World Population Day;

15. Invites the Executive Director of the United Nations Population Fund to give specific information, in the section on policy and programme co-ordination of her annual report, on the co-operation of the Fund with other relevant United Nations organizations and specialized agencies.

6/ Resolution S-18/3, annex.

7/ Resolution 45/__.

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SPECIAL ECONOMIC AND DISASTER RELIEF ASSISTANCE: SPECIAL PROGRAMMES OF ECONOMIC ASSISTANCE

Cuba, Trinidad and Tobago, Uganda*, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, United States of America: draft resolution

Emergency assistance for Liberia

The General Assembly,

Extremely concerned about the untold loss of life and human suffering as a consequence of the conflict in Liberia and that over 600,000 people have become refugees and half the population within the country has been displaced,

Deeply concerned about the massive destruction of the nation's infrastructure,

Conscious of the urgent need for the international community to provide assistance for the economic and social rehabilitation of Liberia,

Conscious also of the peace and humanitarian efforts at the subregional level,

1. Appeals to the international community to render its support by providing all necessary assistance for the economic and social rehabilitation of Liberia;

2. Appeals also to all Member States to make voluntary contributions for rehabilitation efforts;

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* On behalf of the African States.

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3. Requests the Secretary-General, in close co-operation with the appropriate authority in Liberia, to co-ordinate the efforts of the United Nations system to assist Liberia in its emergency relief, rehabilitation and reconstruction efforts, to mobilize resources for the implementation of the necessary programmes and to keep the international community informed of the needs of the country;

4. Also requests the Secretary-General to apprise the Economic and Social Council, at its first regular session of 1991, of his efforts and to report to the General Assembly at its forty-sixth session on the implementation of the present resolution;

5. Decides to include in the agenda of its forty-sixth session an item entitled "Emergency assistance for the economic and social rehabilitation of Liberia".

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DRAFT BIENNIAL PROGRAMME OF WORK FOR THE SECOND COMMITTEE FOR 1991-1992

Note by the Secretariat

The General Assembly, in resolution 39/217 of 18 December 1984, paragraph 5, requested the Secretary-General to submit to the Second Committee for consideration and approval each year a proposed biennial programme of work. The draft biennial programme of work of the Second Committee for 1991-1992, which is annexed to the present document, has been prepared on the basis of existing legislative authority. It also takes into account the draft proposals on which the Second Committee has taken action. The draft proposals that are pending action by the Committee have been placed in square brackets. The information contained in the annex, including that on documentation, will be updated orally by the Secretariat when the draft biennial programme of work for 1991-1992 is considered by the Committee.

The attention of the members of the Second Committee is drawn to the ever increasing number of separate items proposed for inclusion in the programme of work of the Committee. The number of separate items has increased from 6 at the forty-second session to 16 proposed items for the forty-sixth session. The Committee may wish to reconsider, at some future date, the implementation of General Assembly resolution 39/217, entitled "Biennial programme of work for the Second Committee", as the proliferation of new separate items, some of which are being considered annually, appears to be inconsistent with the intention of that resolution.

ANNEX

Draft biennial programme of work for the Second Committee for 1991-1992 a/

(as at 10 December 1990)

1991

Item 1. Report of the Economic and Social Council b/

(a) Role of the public sector

Documentation Report of the Secretary-General on the role of the public sector in promoting the economic development of developing countries (General Assembly resolution 3335 (XXIX) of 17 December 1974 and Economic and Social Council resolution 1987/92 of 9 July 1987) c/

(b) Target for World Food Programme pledges for the period 1993-1994

Documentation Relevant chapter of the report of the Economic and Social Council

(c) Permanent sovereignty over national resources in the occupied Palestinian and other Arab territories

Documentation Report of the Secretary-General on Israeli land and water policies and practices in the occupied Palestinian and other Arab territories (Economic and Social Council resolution 1990/53 of 24 July 1990) c/

(d) Assistance to the Palestinian people

Documentation Report of the Secretary-General on assistance to the Palestinian people (Economic and Social Council resolution 1990/59 of 26 July 1990 and General Assembly resolution A/C.2/45/L.12) c/

(e) Prevention and control of acquired immunodeficiency syndrome (AIDS)

Documentation Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Director-General of the World Health Organization on the implementation of the resolution on the prevention and control of acquired immunodeficiency syndrome (AIDS) (General Assembly resolution A/C.2/45/L.51) c/

(f) Special high-level meeting of the Economic and Social Council

Documentation Relevant part of the report of the Economic and Social Council (General Assembly resolution A/C.2/45/L.43)

(g) Code of conduct on transnational corporations

Documentation Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the code of conduct on transnational corporations (General Assembly resolution A/C.2/45/L.71)

(h) Inclusion of Namibia in the list of the least developed countries

Documentation [Relevant part of the report of the Economic and Social Council (General Assembly resolution A/C.2/45/L.54/Rev.1)]

Item 2. Development and international economic co-operation

Documentation [Report of the Secretary-General on the causes of and factors relating to the net transfer of resources from developing countries and its impact on their economic growth and sustained development (General Assembly resolution A/C.2/45/L.31)]

[Report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of the resolution on economic stabilization programmes in developing countries (General Assembly resolution A/C.2/45/L.36/Rev.1)]

Report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of the resolution on large-scale pelagic driftnet fishing and its impact on the living marine resources of the world's oceans and seas (General Assembly resolution A/C.2/45/L.77)

Report of the President of the Economic and Social Council on the outcome of the informal exchange of views on the report of the South Commission (General Assembly resolution A/C.2/45/L.80)

(a) Trade and development

Documentation Report of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development on its eighth session (General Assembly resolution 44/219 of 22 December 1989)

Report of the Trade and Development Board (General Assembly resolution 1995 (XIX) of 30 December 1964) c/

Report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of the resolution on economic measures as a means of political and economic coercion against developing countries (General Assembly resolution 44/215 of 22 December 1989)

Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Secretary-General of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development on progress in the implementation of specific action related to the particular needs and problems of land-locked developing countries (General Assembly resolution 44/214 of 22 December 1989)

Report of the Secretary-General on institutional developments related to the strengthening of international organizations in the area of multilateral trade (Economic and Social Council resolution 1990/57 of 26 July 1990) c/

[Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the views of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development on strengthening international organizations in the area of multilateral trade (General Assembly resolution A/C.2/45/L.55)]

Report of the Secretary-General of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development on the outcome of the negotiations on a draft international code of conduct on the transfer of technology (General Assembly resolution A/C.2/45/L.69)

[(b) Implementation of the Programme of Action for the Least Developed Countries for the 1990s

Documentation Report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of General Assembly resolution (General Assembly resolution A/C.2/45/L.57)]

(c) Effective mobilization and integration of women in development

Documentation Report of the Secretary-General on the effective mobilization and integration of women in development (General Assembly resolution 42/178 of 11 December 1987) c/

(d) World Decade for Cultural Development

Documentation Report of the Secretary-General of the United Nations and the Director-General of the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization on the progress of the World Decade for Cultural Development for the period 1990-1991 (General Assembly resolutions 41/187 of 8 December 1986, 44/238 of 22 December 1989 and A/C.2/45/L.64) c/

(e) Economic and technical co-operation among developing countries

Documentation Report of the High-level Committee on the Review of Technical Co-operation among Developing Countries (General Assembly resolution 33/134 of 19 December 1978) c/

Report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of the resolution on economic and technical co-operation among developing countries (General Assembly resolution 44/222 of 22 December 1989 and decision A/C.2/45/L.26)

Report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of the resolution on co-operation between the United Nations and the Southern African Development Co-ordination Conference (General Assembly resolution 44/221 of 22 December 1989)

Report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of the decision on further strengthening and improving intergovernmental programming exercises for technical co-operation among developing countries (General Assembly decision 44/450 of 22 December 1989)

(f) Environment

Documentation Report of the Governing Council of the United Nations Environment Programme (General Assembly resolutions 2997 (XXVII) of 15 December 1972 and 44/224 of 22 December 1989) c/

Note by the Secretary-General on international conventions and protocols in the field of the environment (General Assembly resolution 3436 (XXX) of 9 December 1975)

Relevant section of the report of the Economic and Social Council on the findings and conclusions of the regional commissions on the traffic in toxic and dangerous products and wastes (General Assembly resolution 44/226, sect. I, of 22 December 1989)

Report of the Secretary-General on the control of transboundary movements of hazardous wastes and their disposal (General Assembly resolution 44/226, sect. III, of 22 December 1989) c/

Progress report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of the resolution on the implementation of General Assembly resolutions 42/186 and 42/187 of 11 December 1987 (General Assembly resolution 44/227 of 22 December 1989) c/

Report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of the resolution on possible adverse effects of sea-level rise on islands and coastal areas, particularly low-lying coastal areas (General Assembly resolution 44/206 of 22 December 1989) c/

(g) Desertification and drought

Documentation Report of the Secretary-General on the situation in countries stricken by desertification and drought in Africa (General Assembly decision 44/437 of 19 December 1989 and Economic and Social Council resolution 1989/103 of 27 July 1989) c/

Report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of the resolutions on the Plan of Action to Combat Desertification (General Assembly resolutions 44/172 A and B of 19 December 1989) c/

Report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of the medium-term and long-term recovery and rehabilitation programme in the Sudano-Sahelian region (General Assembly resolutions 3054 (XXVIII) of 17 October 1973 and 40/209 of 17 December 1985) c/

(h) Human settlements

Documentation Report of the Commission on Human Settlements, including the report of the Commission on the implementation of the Global Strategy for Shelter to the Year 2000 (General Assembly resolutions 32/162 of 19 December 1977, 43/180, 43/181 of 20 December 1988 and Council resolution 1978/1 of 12 January 1978) c/

Report of the Secretary-General on the living conditions of the Palestinian people in the occupied Palestinian territories (General Assembly resolution 44/174 of 19 December 1989) c/

(i) Science and technology for development

Documentation Report of the Intergovernmental Committee on Science and Technology for Development (General Assembly resolutions 34/218 of 19 December 1979 and 39/217 of 18 December 1984) c/

[(j) Entrepreneurship

Documentation Relevant section of the report of the Director-General for Development and International Economic Co-operation on the operational activities of the United Nations system (General Assembly resolution A/C.2/45/L.27/Rev.1)]

Item 3. United Nations Conference on Environment and Development

Documentation Report of the Preparatory Committee of the United Nations Conference on Environment and Development (General Assembly resolution 44/228 of 22 December 1989)

[Item 4. Protection of global climate for present and future generations of mankind

Documentation Report of the Secretary-General on the progress of the negotiations for the preparation of an effective framework convention on climate change (General Assembly resolution A/C.2/45/L.66)]

Item 5. International co-operation for the eradication of poverty in developing countries

Documentation Report of the Secretary-General on international co-operation for the eradication of poverty in developing countries (General Assembly resolutions 44/211 and 44/212 of 22 December 1989)

[Item 6. External debt crisis and development

Documentation Report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of General Assembly resolution A/C.2/45/L.44]

Item 7. Operational activities for development

(a) Operational activities of the United Nations system

Documentation Report of the Director-General for Development and International Economic Co-operation on the operational activities of the United Nations system (General Assembly resolutions 41/171, 44/171 of 19 December 1989, 44/211 of 22 December 1989 and [A/C.2/45/L.27/Rev.1] c/

(b) United Nations Development Programme

Documentation Report of the Governing Council of the United Nations Development Programme c/

(c) United Nations Capital Development Fund

Documentation Relevant chapter of the report of the Governing Council of the United Nations Development Programme

(d) United Nations technical co-operation activities

Documentation Report of the Secretary-General on United Nations technical co-operation activities

Relevant chapter of the report of the Governing Council of the United Nations Development Programme

(e) United Nations Volunteers programme

Documentation Relevant chapter of the report of the Governing Council of the United Nations Development Programme

(f) World Food Programme

Documentation Report of the Secretary-General on the participation of the United Nations in the review of the governance arrangements for the World Food Programme (General Assembly resolution A/C.2/45/L.63) c/

Item 8. International Decade for Natural Disaster Reduction

Documentation Report of the Secretary-General on the activities of the International Decade for Natural Disaster Reduction (General Assembly resolutions 44/236 of 22 December 1989 and A/C.2/45/L.73) c/

Item 9. Special economic and disaster relief assistance

(a) Office of the United Nations Disaster Relief Co-ordinator

Documentation Report of the Secretary-General on the work of the Office of the United Nations Disaster Relief Co-ordinator (General Assembly resolutions 2816 (XXVI) of 14 December 1971 and A/C.2/45/L.67) c/

(b) Special programmes of economic assistance

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[Item 11. Training and research

United Nations Institute for Training and Research

Documentation Report of the Secretary-General on the United Nations Institute for Training and Research (General Assembly resolution A/C.2/45/L.68)]

Item 12. International co-operation to study, mitigate and minimize the consequences of the disaster at Chernobyl

Documentation Report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of General Assembly resolution A/C.2/45/L.49 c/

Item 13. Human resources development

Documentation Report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of General Assembly resolution A/C.2/45/L.78

Item 14. Implementation of the commitments and policies agreed upon in the Declaration on International Economic Co-operation, in particular the Revitalization of the Economic Growth and Development of the Developing Countries

Documentation Report of the Secretary-General on the steps taken by the Governments of developed and developing countries and by the bodies of the United Nations system to fulfil the commitments and policies agreed upon in the Declaration (General Assembly resolution A/C.2/45/L.83)

[Item 15. Industrial development co-operation and the diversification and modernization of productive activities in developing countries

Documentation Report of the Secretary-General on ways and means of promoting the enhancement of United Nations activities with regard to the training of scientists, engineers and entrepreneurs from developing countries (General Assembly resolution A/C.2.45/L.42/Rev.1, para. 9)

Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Administrative Committee on Co-ordination on ways and means of fostering United Nations system activities with regard to industrial development co-operation and the diversification and modernization of productive activities in developing countries (General Assembly resolution A/C.2/45/L.42/Rev.1., para. 10)

Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the recommendations of the United Nations Industrial Development Organization on strengthening industrial development co-operation and the diversification and modernization of productive activities in developing countries (General Assembly resolution A/C.2/45/L.42/Rev.1, para. 13) c/]

[Item 16. Revitalization of the Economic and Social Council

Documentation Relevant section of the report of the Economic and Social Council (General Assembly resolution A/C.2/45/L.21)]

[Item 17. Emergency assistance for the economic and social rehabilitation of Liberia

Documentation Report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of General Assembly resolution A/C.2/45/L.86]

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Item 1. Report of the Economic and Social Council e/

(a) Protection against products harmful to health and the environment

Documentation Report of the Secretary-General on protection against products harmful to health and the environment (General Assembly resolution 39/229 of 18 December 1984) c/

(b) United Nations Population Award

Documentation Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Executive Director of the United Nations Population Fund on the United Nations Population Award and Trust Fund (Council decision 1982/112 of 26 April 1982)

(c) Restructuring of the economic and social sectors of the United Nations system

Documentation Draft resolution entitled "Implementation of section II of the annex to General Assembly resolution 32/197 on the restructuring of the economic and social sectors of the United Nations system" (General Assembly decision A/C.2/45/L.29)

Item 2. Development and international economic co-operation

Documentation Report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of General Assembly resolution A/C.2/45/L.35/Rev.1 on the support of the international community for the economic and social infrastructure of Yemen c/

(a) Implementation of the International Development Strategy for the Fourth United Nations Development Decade

Documentation Report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of the International Development Strategy for the Fourth United Nations Development Decade (General Assembly resolution A/C.2/45/L.72) c/

(b) Trade and development

Documentation Report of the Trade and Development Board (General Assembly resolution 1995 (XIX) of 30 December 1964) c/

Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Secretary-General of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development on world commodity trends and prospects (General Assembly resolution A/C.2/45/L.84)

[Report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of General Assembly resolution A/C.2/45/L.56 on specific measures in favour of island developing countries]

(c) Food and agricultural development

Documentation Report of the World Food Council c/

(d) New and renewable sources of energy

Documentation Report of the Committee on the Development and Utilization of New and Renewable Sources of Energy (General Assembly resolution 37/250 of 21 December 1982) c/

[Report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of General Assembly resolution A/C.2/45/L.37/Rev.1]

(e) Development of the energy resources of developing countries

Documentation [Report of the Secretary-General on a comprehensive programme of action for the acceleration of the exploration and development of energy resources in developing countries (General Assembly resolution A/C.2/45/L.38)] c/

(f) Implementation of General Assembly resolutions 42/186 and 42/187

Documentation Report of the Secretary-General on further substantive follow-up to General Assembly resolutions 42/186 and 42/187 by Governments and organizations of the United Nations system (General Assembly resolution 44/227 of 22 December 1989)

(g) Co-operation in fisheries in Africa

Documentation Report of the Secretary-General on co-operation in fisheries in Africa (General Assembly resolution A/C.2/45/L.46) c/

Item 3. Operational activities for development

(a) Operational activities of the United Nations system

Documentation Report of the Director-General for Development and International Economic Co-operation for the comprehensive triennial policy review of operational activities for development undertaken by the United Nations system (General Assembly resolutions 35/81 of 5 December 1980, 41/171 of 5 December 1986, 42/196 of 11 December 1987, and 44/211 of 23 February 1990) c/

(b) United Nations Development Programme

Documentation Report of the Governing Council of the United Nations Development Programme c/

(c) United Nations Population Fund

Documentation Relevant chapter of the report of the Governing Council of the United Nations Development Programme

(d) United Nations Children's Fund

Documentation Relevant chapter of the report of the Economic and Social Council

Report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of General Assembly resolution A/C.2/45/L.74 c/

(e) World Food Programme

Documentation Relevant chapter of the report of the Economic and Social Council

Item 4. Training and research

United Nations University

Documentation Report of the Council of the United Nations University c/

Item 5. Special economic and disaster relief assistance

(a) Office of the United Nations Disaster Relief Co-ordinator

Documentation Report of the Secretary-General on the work of the Office of the United Nations Disaster Relief Co-ordinator (General Assembly resolution 2816 (XXVI) of 14 December 1971 and Economic and Social Council resolution 1990/63 of 26 July 1990)

(b) Special programmes of economic assistance

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Notes

a/ The Second Committee will, in accordance with established practice and in pursuance of General Assembly decision 38/429, hold a general debate each year at the beginning of its work.

b/ The list of questions and documentation under this item is only indicative of requests for reports from the General Assembly. The list will be finalized after the Economic and Social Council completes its work in 1991.

c/ Report submitted to the General Assembly through the Economic and Social Council.

d/ The programme of work and documentation list for 1992 will be updated in 1991, taking into account the relevant decisions of the General Assembly at its forty-sixth session.

e/ The list of questions and documentation under this item is only indicative of requests for reports from the General Assembly. The list will be finalized after the Council completes its work in 1992.

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PROTECTION OF GLOBAL CLIMATE FOR PRESENT AND FUTURE GENERATIONS OF MANKIND

PROGRAMME BUDGET FOR THE BIENNIUM 1990-1991

Programme budget implications of draft resolution A/C.2/45/L.66

Statement submitted by the Secretary-General in accordance with rule 153 of the rules of procedure of the General Assembly

1. Under the terms of draft resolution A/C.2/45/L.66, the General Assembly would:

(a) Decide to establish a single intergovernmental negotiating process under the auspices of the General Assembly, supported by the United Nations Environment Programme and the World Meteorological Organization, for the preparation of an effective framework convention on climate change (operative paragraph 1);

(b) Decide that the first negotiating session should be held at Washington, D.C., in February 1991 and that, subject to review of the timetable at the end of each negotiating session and taking into account the schedule of other intergovernmental meetings on environment and development matters, further meetings should generally be held at Geneva in May/June 1991, September 1991 and November/December 1991 and, as appropriate, between January and June 1992, on the understanding that at least one of the meetings in 1991 would be held at Nairobi (operative paragraph 4);

(c) Request the Secretary-General of the United Nations, in consultation with the Executive Director of the United Nations Environment Programme and the Secretary-General of the World Meteorological Organization, as well as with the executive heads of other United Nations bodies with expertise in the field of development, to establish at Geneva an ad hoc secretariat of appropriate size and

quality, consisting mainly of Professional staff of the United Nations Environment Programme and the World Meteorological Organization, co-ordinated by those twoorganizations and supplemented by staff from other bodies of the United Nations system, as appropriate (operative paragraph 10);

(d) Decide that the Secretary-General of the United Nations should appoint as head of the ad hoc secretariat a senior official at an appropriate level, who should act under the guidance of the Intergovernmental Negotiating Committee (operative paragraph 11);

(e) Decide that the negotiating process should be funded through existing United Nations budgetary resources, through contributions from the World Meteorological Organization and the Environment Fund of the United Nations Environment Programme and through voluntary contributions to a trust fund established specifically for that purpose for the duration of the negotiations and administered by the head of the ad hoc secretariat under the authority of the Secretary-General of the United Nations (operative paragraph 18).

2. Should the draft resolution be adopted, the General Assembly would establish a body that would hold four meetings in 1991 (operative paragraphs 1 and 4). The costs of those meetings, based on the assumption that they would take place at a United Nations location, would be provided with translation and interpretation services in all six official languages and would last for 10 working days each, are estimated at $1,522,600. No additional requirements would arise, as explained in paragraph 7 below.

3. With regard to the decision that the first negotiating session should be held at Washington, D.C., it is assumed that this will take place at the invitation of the host Government and that, as provided for in paragraph 5 of section I of General Assembly resolution 40/243, the additional costs of holding that session away from United Nations Headquarters would be borne by the host Government.

4. With regard to the establishment of an ad hoc secretariat (operative paragraph 11), it is estimated that it would consist of, in addition to its head, one D-1, one P-5, one P-4 and six General Service staff. The costs for such staff for 1991, together with related operational requirements, are estimated at $976,900. Based on the assumptions that these staff would be made available from the United Nations Environment Programme and the World Meteorological Organization and, as appropriate, from other relevant bodies of the United Nations system, no additional requirements would arise.

5. In respect of the appointment of the head of the ad hoc secretariat (operative paragraph 11), it is anticipated that such an appointment will be made from within the Secretariat and would not therefore give rise to additional requirements.

6. The overall costs relating to the implementation of the draft resolution contained in document A/C.2/45/L.66 would amount to $2,499,500, consisting of $1,522,600 for conference-servicing costs and $976,900 for the ad hoc secretariat.

7. These estimates of conference-servicing costs are based on the theoretical assumption that no part of the conference-servicing requirements would be met within the permanent conference-servicing capacity under section 29 of the programme budget, and that additional resources would be required for temporary assistance for meetings. The extent to which the Organization's permanent capacity needs to be supplemented by temporary assistance resources can only be determined in the light of the proposed calendar of conferences for 1990-1991. However, as indicated in paragraph 29.5 of the programme budget, the 1990-1991 level of resources for temporary assistance for meetings was estimated on the basis of previous experience to accommodate not only meetings that were programmed, but also additional meetings. In other words, provision was made in the programme budget not only for meetings known at the time of budget preparation but also for meetings that would be authorized subsequently, provided that the number and distribution of meetings and conferences in the biennium 1990-1991 was consistent with the pattern of meetings in past years. On that basis, it is estimated that no additional resources would be required under section 29 of the programme budget for the biennium 1990-1991 as a result of the adoption of the draft resolution.

8. With regard to the costs related to the ad hoc secretariat, no additional requirements would arise, based on the assumption that the staff would be made available from the United Nations Environment Programme and the World Meteorological Organization and, as appropriate, from other relevant bodies of the United Nations system, as indicated in paragraph 4 above.

9. Consequently, should the General Assembly adopt the draft resolution contained in document A/C.2/45/L.66, no additional appropriations would be required in respect of the programme budget for the biennium 1990-1991.

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TRAINING AND RESEARCH: UNITED NATIONS INSTITUTE FOR TRAINING AND RESEARCH

Draft resolution submitted by the Vice-Chairman of the Committee, Mr. Carlos Gianelli (Uruguay), on the basis of informal consultations held on draft resolution A/C.2/45/L.68

United Nations Institute for Training and Research

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolutions 41/172 of 5 December 1986, 42/197 of 11 December 1987, 43/201 of 20 December 1988 and 44/175 of 19 December 1989,

Having considered the report of the Secretary-General 1/ and the report of the Executive Director of the United Nations Institute for Training and Research, 2/ and taking into account the statements made before the Second Committee by the representative of the Secretary-General and the Executive Director of the Institute on 30 November 1990, 3/

Recognizing the continuing importance and relevance of the functions of the Institute, particularly in the field of training,

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1/ A/45/634.

2/ A/45/14.

3/ See A/C.2/45/SR.50.

Recognizing also the need for Governments to contribute or increase their voluntary contributions, as appropriate, to the Institute,

Noting with concern the continuing lack of a sufficiently broad base of donor countries supporting the Institute,

Paying tribute to the activities of the United Nations Institute for Training and Research since its creation in 1965,

Deeply concerned that the sale of the headquarters property of the Institute, which would have enabled a reserve fund for the Institute to be established, has not yet been completed,

Noting with concern that the 1990 United Nations Pledging Conference for Development Activities did not provide the General Fund of the Institute with the level of resources required for it to maintain a minimum training programme and institutional structure,

1. Takes note of the report of the Secretary-General prepared in response to General Assembly resolution 44/175 1/ and the report of the Executive Director of the United Nations Institute for Training and Research; 2/

2. Strongly reiterates its urgent desire that the Institute sell its headquarters property at the earliest reasonable opportunity, preferably within the next twelve months;

3. Requests the Secretary-General to appoint an appropriately qualified high-level independent consultant, to be paid from extrabudgetary resources, who would submit a report directly to the Secretary-General containing recommendations on:

(a) The continued relevance of the mandate of the Institute, taking into account the relevant resolutions of the General Assembly and other research and training activities of the United Nations system, a review and assessment of all aspects of the current activities of the Institute and their benefits to the United Nations and its Member States, inter alia, in the fields of the maintenance of peace and security and the promotion of economic and social development, and an assessment of whether those activities can be more effectively carried out by the Institute or by other bodies in the United Nations system;

(b) The overall staffing requirements for the Institute, including the number and level of such staff, in order to meet satisfactorily the needs of the United Nations and its Member States;

(c) The financial means for meeting those needs, based on the findings;

(d) The feasibility of utilizing the facilities of the Institute for the training of personnel for peace-keeping operations;

4. Also requests the Secretary-General to submit the report of the independent consultant to the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions and to the Board of Trustees of the Institute for comment and to the General Assembly at its forty-sixth session;

5. Requests that the budgetary proposals of the Institute continue to be submitted to the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions for review and comment prior to approval by the Board of Trustees of the Institute;

6. Reaffirms that the activities of the Institute that are not funded from the General Fund shall continue to be funded through voluntary contributions mobilized as special-purpose grants from Governments, intergovernmental organizations, foundations and other non-governmental sources;

7. Agrees with the recommendation of the Secretary-General that the Institute should, immediately after the sale of its property, repay the amounts currently owed to the United Nations and use the balance to establish a reserve fund for the Institute;

8. Recommends that the Institute, with the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions, should consider financial mechanisms in order to finance its General Fund budget for 1991;

9. Decides to take a decision on the future of the Institute at its forty-sixth session, in accordance with the provisions of its resolution 42/197;

10. Encourages the Secretary-General to continue to explore new modalities for greater interfacing among United Nations research bodies and requests the Director-General for Development and International Economic Co-operation to continue to organize meetings of United Nations research institutes with a view to enhancing practical co-operation among them, particularly in regard to the formulation and implementation of their programmes and plans;

11. Requests the Secretary-General to report to the General Assembly at its forty-sixth session on the implementation of the present resolution.

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DEVELOPMENT AND INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC CO-OPERATION: DEVELOPMENT OF THE ENERGY RESOURCES OF DEVELOPING COUNTRIES

Draft resolution submitted by the Vice-Chairman, Mr. Carlos Gianelli (Uruguay), on the basis of informal consultations held on draft resolution A/C.2/45/L.38

Development of the energy resources of developing countries

The General Assembly,

Recalling the Declaration on International Economic Co-operation, in particular the Revitalization of Economic Growth and Development of the Developing Countries, 1/ adopted at its eighteenth special session, and the International Development Strategy for the Fourth United Nations Development Decade, 2/

Recalling also its resolutions 40/208 of 17 December 1985 and 43/193 of 20 December 1988 on the development of the energy resources of developing countries,

Reaffirming the importance of the development of the energy resources of developing countries and the need for urgent measures by the international community to assist and support the efforts of the developing countries, in particular the energy-deficient among them, to develop their energy resources, in order to meet their needs through co-operation, assistance and investment in the field of conventional and of new and renewable sources of energy, consistent with their national plans and priorities,

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1/ Resolution S-18/3, annex.

2/ Resolution 45/___.

Reaffirming also that the developing countries have the primary responsibility for their strategies and policies for the exploration and development of their energy resources, including the need to mobilize financial resources, internal and external, in order to develop their national technical skills and capabilities in the energy sector,

1. Reaffirms its resolutions 40/208 and 43/193, and calls for the effective implementation of all their provisions;

2. Welcomes the report of the Secretary-General on energy exploration and development trends in developing countries 3/ and the outline of a programme of action for the acceleration of energy exploration and development in developing countries, contained therein;

3. Reaffirms that an adequate flow of external resources in support of the national efforts of energy-deficient developing countries is needed to finance their exploration and development of indigenous energy resources;

4. Welcomes the convening of symposia and other similar undertakings called for in its resolution 40/208, and calls upon interested Member States, in co-operation with the appropriate organs, organizations and bodies of the United Nations system, to continue to explore ways and means to support the efforts of developing countries in the exploration and development of their energy resources;

5. Stresses the need for comprehensive national, bilateral and multilateral measures, particularly with regard to financing, investment and technology, as well as training of national technical personnel, to accelerate the exploration and development of energy resources in developing countries, including new and renewable sources of energy;

6. Also stresses the need to take into consideration environmental and developmental aspects as they must apply to all countries in accordance with their respective capabilities and their responsibilities for global environmental degradation;

7. Further stresses the importance of integrated energy strategies and the need for comprehensive conservation and efficient management of energy resources in developed and developing countries, bearing in mind trends in the energy market;

8. Requests the Secretary-General to submit a comprehensive report on the implementation of the present resolution to the General Assembly at its forty-seventh session, through the Economic and Social Council at its second regular session of 1992.

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DEVELOPMENT AND INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC CO-OPERATION:
TRADE AND DEVELOPMENT

Draft resolution submitted by the Vice-Chairman of the Committee, Mr. Carlos Gianelli (Uruguay), on the basis of informal consultations held on draft resolution A/C.2/45/L.55

Strengthening international organizations in the area of multilateral trade

The General Assembly,

Recalling the Declaration on International Economic Co-operation, in particular the Revitalization of Economic Growth and Development of the Developing Countries, adopted by the General Assembly at its eighteenth special session, 1/

Noting the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade and its Protocol of Provisional Application of 30 October 1947, General Assembly resolution 1995 (XIX) of 30 December 1964 on the establishment of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development,

Noting also the institutional proposals made in connection with the Uruguay Round of multilateral trade negotiations, related to the strengthening of multilateral organizations in the area of international trade,

Stressing the principle of free and fair global trade, which should be conducive to a significant enhancement of the trade and development prospects of all countries, in particular developing countries,

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1/ Resolution S-18/3, annex.

Stressing further the need for strengthening institutional arrangements in the area of international trade with a view to further reinforcing the multilateral trading system,

1. Reaffirms Economic and Social Council resolution 1990/57 of 26 July 1990, in which the Council requested the Secretary-General to report to the General Assembly at its forty-sixth session on institutional developments, taking into account all relevant proposals related to the strengthening of international organizations in the area of multilateral trade;

2. Requests the Secretary-General, in preparing the report requested, to solicit the views of all Governments and the executive heads of the specialized agencies and other organizations and programmes of the United Nations system on this matter.

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DEVELOPMENT AND INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC CO-OPERATION:
TRADE AND DEVELOPMENT

Draft resolution submitted by the Vice-Chairman, Mr. Carlos Gianelli (Uruguay), on the basis of informal consultations held on draft resolution A/C.2/45/L.58

Trade and Development Board

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolution 1995 (XIX) of 30 December 1964, as amended, 1/ on the establishment of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development, the Final Act adopted by the Conference at its seventh session, held at Geneva from 9 July to 3 August 1987, 2/ and the Declaration on the twenty-fifth anniversary of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development, adopted by the Trade and Development Board at its thirty-sixth session, as endorsed by the Assembly in its resolution 44/19 of 14 November 1989,

Recalling also its resolution 44/219 of 22 December 1989 on the report of the Trade and Development Board,

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1/ See resolution 2904 (XXVII), 31/2 A and B and 34/3.

2/ See Proceedings of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development, Seventh Session, vol. I, Report and Annexes (United Nations publication, Sales No. E.88.II.D.1), part one, sect. A.

Considering Trade and Development Board resolution 388 (XXXVII) of 17 October 1990 on debt and development problems of developing countries as part of the continuing contribution of the Board to the search for a durable solution to the problem of the external indebtedness of developing countries, 3/

Noting that the Trade and Development Report, 1990 constitutes a further valuable effort to enhance understanding of the interdependence of the problems of trade, development finance and the international monetary system and the Trade and Development Board's consideration of the debt and development problems of the developing countries,

Stressing that the Uruguay Round of multilateral trade negotiations presents a unique opportunity to contribute to a more open, viable and durable trading system and recognizing that the Uruguay Round cannot be concluded in whole or in part without a substantial and balanced outcome in all areas involved, including areas of particular importance to developing countries,

1. Takes note of the report of the Trade and Development Board on the second part of its thirty-sixth session and the first part of its thirty-seventh session 4/ and urges member States to give full effect to the provisions of the resolutions and decisions adopted;

2. Welcomes the agreement reached on the substantive item of the provisional agenda for the eighth session of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development; 5/

3. Notes the contribution made by the Trade and Development Board to the understanding of the interdependence of problems of trade, development finance and the international monetary system, taking into account the needs of developing countries, welcomes Board resolution 387 (XXXVII) of 17 October 1990 on that subject 6/ and urges all Governments to give full and prompt effect to the recommendations contained therein;

4. Affirms that the outcome of the Uruguay Round of multilateral trade negotiations should be conducive to a significant enhancement of the prospects for trade, economic growth and development of all countries, especially developing countries, in particular through the provision of substantially increased market access for exports;

3/ A/45/15, chap. III, sect. B.1.

4/ See A/45/15.

5/ A/45/15, chap. III, para. 28.

6/ Ibid., chap. III, sect. B.1.

5. Urges all countries to fulfil their responsibilities in strengthening the rules and disciplines of the multilateral trading system for the benefit of all countries and, to this end, urges all participants to continue the Uruguay Round of multilateral trade negotiations and to adopt a constructive and comprehensive approach thereto in order to achieve a successful and balanced outcome of the Round in accordance with the Punta del Este Declaration; 7/

6. Affirms the need for the outcome of the Uruguay Round to contribute positively to the building up and strengthening of the infrastructure and technological capacities of the developing countries through the strengthening of the multilateral trading system;

7. Invites the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development, at its eighth session, to analyse and assess the outcome of the Uruguay Round, in particular in areas of interest or concern to developing countries;

8. Urges developed countries to promote policies and adopt measures aimed at providing substantially larger export possibilities to developing countries, especially through improved access to markets, in order to support necessary trade policy reforms and structural adjustment processes in developing countries;

9. Invites the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development and the Trade and Development Board, as appropriate, to continue to follow closely and analyse developments that have a major impact on international trade relations, including economic integration and policy reform in the world economy, technological change and the growing linkage between flows of investment and trade;

10. Welcomes Trade and Development Board decision 384 (XXXVII) of 17 October 1990 on the contribution of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development, within its mandate, to sustainable development 8/ and requests the secretariat of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development to continue to co-operate with the secretariat of the United Nations Conference on Environment and Development in the preparations for the latter Conference;

11. Welcomes Trade and Development Board resolution 380 (XXXVI) of 23 March 1990 9/ and invites the Board to follow closely developments and issues related to economic integration processes, especially those with a major impact on the trade and development of the developing countries;

7/ "Ministerial Declaration on the Uruguay Round of multilateral trade negotiations", GATT, Focus Newsletter, No. 41 (October 1986).

8/ Ibid., chap. III, sect. B.2.

9/ Ibid., chap. I, sect. B.1.

12. Welcomes Trade and Development Board decision 385 (XXXVII) of 12 October 1990 on economic co-operation among developing countries 8/ and supports the efforts of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development, as the principal organization in the United Nations system dealing with economic co-operation among developing countries, to promote and expand such co-operation.

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PROTECTION OF GLOBAL CLIMATE FOR PRESENT AND FUTURE GENERATIONS OF MANKIND

Draft resolution submitted by the Vice-Chairman of the Committee, Mr. Ahmed Amaziane (Morocco), on the basis of informal consultations held on draft resolution A/C.2/45/L.66

Protection of global climate for present and future generations of mankind

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolutions 43/53 of 6 December 1988 and 44/207 of 22 December 1989, in which it recognized that climate change is a common concern of mankind, and urging Governments, and as appropriate, intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations and scientific institutions, to collaborate in a concerted effort with the aim of preparing, as a matter of urgency, a framework convention on climate, and other related instruments, containing appropriate commitments for actions to combat climate change and its adverse effects, taking into account the most up-to-date sound scientific knowledge and any existing uncertainties, as well as the particular needs and development priorities of developing countries,

Recalling also its resolution 44/206 of 22 December 1989 on the possible adverse effects of sea-level rise on islands and coastal areas, in particular low-lying coastal areas,

Recalling further its resolution 44/228 of 22 December 1989 on the United Nations Conference on Environment and Development,

Noting the relevant resolutions and decisions of the Governing Council of the United Nations Environment Programme and of the Executive Council of the World Meteorological Organization,

Noting also the recommendations and decisions of the Preparatory Committee for the United Nations Conference on Environment and Development, adopted at its organizational session and at its first session, 1/

Noting further the important work accomplished by the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change, which has completed its first assessment report,

Noting the relevant conclusions and recommendations on climate change adopted at various intergovernmental meetings during 1990,

Noting the fact that the largest part of the current emission of pollutants into the environment originates in developed countries, and recognizing therefore that those countries have the main responsibility for combating such pollution,

Welcoming the fact that several countries and a regional economic integration organization have already taken measures or made specific commitments to address the problem of climate change and its effects through the stabilization and/or reduction of environmentally harmful emissions of greenhouse gases and that other countries are contemplating doing so,

Noting that, pursuant to paragraph 10 of General Assembly resolution 44/207, resolution 4 (EC-XLII) of 22 June 1990 of the Executive Council of the World Meteorological Organization and decision SS.II/3 of 3 August 1990, adopted by the Governing Council of the United Nations Environment Programme at its second special session, an Ad Hoc Working Group of Government Representatives to prepare for negotiations on a framework convention on climate change met at Geneva from 24 to 26 September 1990 and adopted a number of recommendations, 2/

Recognizing the continuing need for scientific research into the sources and effects of climate change and its possible adverse impact, including the socio-economic consequences, and the effectiveness of possible response strategies, and recognizing also the importance of the active participation of developing countries and the need to assist and co-operate with them in climate related research and action,

1. Decides to establish a single intergovernmental negotiating process under the auspices of the General Assembly, supported by the United Nations Environment Programme and the World Meteorological Organization, for the preparation by an Intergovernmental Negotiating Committee of an effective framework convention on climate change, containing appropriate commitments, and any related instruments as

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1/ See A/44/48 and A/45/46.

2/ A/45/696, annex I.

might be agreed upon, taking into account proposals that may be submitted by States participating in the negotiating process, the work of the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change and the results achieved at international meetings on the subject, including the Second World Climate Conference;

2. Decides that the Intergovernmental Negotiating Committee should be open to all States Members of the United Nations or members of the specialized agencies of the United Nations system, with the participation of observers in accordance with the established practice of the General Assembly;

3. Welcomes the organization of broad-based preparatory processes at the national level involving, as appropriate, the scientific community, industry, trade unions, non-governmental organizations and other interested groups;

4. Decides that the first negotiating session should be held at Washington, D.C. in February 1991 and that, subject to review of the timetable at the end of each negotiating session and taking into account the schedule of other intergovernmental meetings on environment and development matters, in particular the sessions of the Preparatory Committee of the United Nations Conference on Environment and Development, further meetings should be held at Geneva and at Nairobi, in May/June 1991, September 1991 and, as appropriate, between January and June 1992;

5. Authorizes the Secretary-General of the United Nations, with the assistance of the Executive Director of the United Nations Environment Programme and the Secretary-General of the World Meteorological Organization, pending the establishment of an ad hoc secretariat for the Intergovernmental Negotiating Committee, to convene, exceptionally, the first session of the Intergovernmental Negotiating Committee, to be held at Washington, D.C. in February 1991; subsequent sessions of the Committee shall be convened by the ad hoc secretariat;

6. Further decides that the maximum duration of each of the negotiating sessions should be two weeks;

7. Considers that the negotiations for the preparation of an effective framework convention on climate change, containing appropriate commitments, and any related legal instruments as might be agreed upon, should be completed prior to the United Nations Conference on Environment and Development in June 1992 and opened for signature during the Conference;

8. Reaffirms the principles embodied in its resolutions 44/207 and 44/228, which take into account the concerns of all States and the specific needs of developing countries;

9. Takes account of the Ministerial Declaration adopted at the Second World Climate Conference, held at Geneva, Switzerland, from 29 October to 7 November 1990; 3/

3/ A/45/696/Add.1.

10. Decides to establish a special voluntary fund, administered by the head of the ad hoc secretariat under the authority of the Secretary-General of the United Nations, to ensure that developing countries, in particular the least developed among them, as well as small island developing countries, are able to participate fully and effectively in the negotiating process, and invites Governments, regional economic integration organizations, and other interested organizations to contribute generously to the fund;

11. Recommends that at the first session of the Intergovernmental Negotiating Committee, to be held at Washington, D.C., a Bureau consisting of a Chairman, three Vice-Chairmen and a Rapporteur shall be elected, each of the five regional groups being represented by one member;

12. Requests the Secretary-General of the United Nations, in consultation with the Executive Director of the United Nations Environment Programme and the Secretary-General of the World Meteorological Organization, as well as with the executive heads of other United Nations bodies with expertise in the field of development, to establish as soon as possible at Geneva an ad hoc secretariat of appropriate size and quality, consisting mainly of Professional staff of the United Nations Environment Programme and the World Meteorological Organization, taking into account the need to ensure that the work programmes of these two organizations are not negatively affected, co-ordinated by those two organizations in consultation and co operation with the head of the ad hoc secretariat and supplemented by staff from other bodies of the United Nations system, as appropriate, in order to ensure that the ad hoc secretariat embodies the requisite technical expertise;

13. Decides that the Secretary-General of the United Nations shall appoint as head of the ad hoc secretariat a senior official of an appropriate level, who shall act under the guidance of the Intergovernmental Negotiating Committee;

14. Requests the head of the ad hoc secretariat to co-operate closely with the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change to ensure that the panel can respond to the needs and requests for objective scientific and technical advice made during the negotiating process;

15. Also requests the head of the ad hoc secretariat to make available, at the first session of the Intergovernmental Negotiating Committee, the first assessment report of the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change, its paper on legal measures and the background documentation prepared for the Panel as inputs for the negotiations, as well as the Ministerial Declaration of the Second World Climate Conference 4/ and other relevant documents;

16. Requests the Intergovernmental Negotiating Committee, through the ad hoc secretariat and taking into account the relevance of the negotiations to the United Nations Conference on Environment and Development, to keep the Preparatory Committee and the Secretary-General of the Conference, as well as the

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4/ A/45/696/Add.1, annex III.

Secretary-General of the United Nations, informed in a timely manner through regular progress reports, of the progress of the negotiations;

17. Requests the Intergovernmental Negotiating Committee to take into account, as appropriate, any relevant developments in the preparations for the United Nations Conference on Environment and Development that the Preparatory Committee may bring to its attention;

18. Requests the Chairman of the Intergovernmental Negotiating Committee, on behalf of the Committee to submit a report to the United Nations Conference on Environment and Development in 1992 on the outcome of the negotiations, as well as on possible future steps in the field of climate change;

19. Invites relevant non-governmental organizations to make contributions to the negotiating process, as appropriate, on the understanding that these organizations shall not have any negotiating role during the process and taking into account decision 1/1 concerning the participation of non-governmental organizations, adopted by the Preparatory Committee for the United Nations Conference on Environment and Development at its first session; 5/

20. Decides that the negotiating process should be funded through existing United Nations budgetary resources, without negatively affecting its programmed activities and through voluntary contributions to a trust fund established specifically for that purpose for the duration of the negotiations and administered by the head of the ad hoc secretariat under the authority of the Secretary-General of the United Nations;

21. Invites the World Meteorological Organization and the United Nations Environment Programme and other relevant bodies of the United Nations system, including those in the field of development, to make appropriate contributions to the negotiating process, including its funding;

22. Invites Governments, regional economic integration organizations and other interested organizations to contribute generously to the trust fund;

23. Requests the head of the ad hoc secretariat to prepare draft rules of procedure for consideration by the Intergovernmental Negotiating Committee at its first session;

24. Requests the Secretary-General of the United Nations to submit to the General Assembly at its forty-sixth session a report on the progress of the negotiations;

25. Decides to include in the provisional agenda of its forty-sixth session, the item entitled "Protection of global climate for present and future generations of mankind".

5/ A/45/46, annex I.

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DEVELOPMENT AND INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC CO-OPERATION

Draft resolution submitted by the Vice-Chairman, Mr. Carlos Gianelli (Uruguay), on the basis of informal consultations held on draft resolution A/C.2/45/L.31

Net transfer of resources between developing countries and developed countries

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolution S-18/3 of 1 May 1990, containing the Declaration on International Economic Co-operation, in particular the Revitalization of Economic Growth and Development of the Developing Countries,

Recalling also its resolution 44/232 of 22 December 1989, and Economic and Social Council resolutions 1989/112 of 28 July 1989 and 1990/56 of 26 July 1990,

1. Takes note with interest of the report of the Secretary-General on the net transfer of resources from developing countries; 1/

2. Requests the Secretary-General to include an update in the World Economic Survey, 1991, of the section concerning causes of and factors related to the net transfer of resources between developing and developed countries and its impact on the economic growth and sustained development of developing countries, and to submit to the General Assembly at its forty-seventh session a comprehensive and analytical report with a view to halting and reversing this phenomenon.

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UNITED NATIONS CONFERENCE ON ENVIRONMENT AND DEVELOPMENT

Draft resolution submitted by the Vice-Chairman of the Committee, Mr. Ahmed Amaziane (Morocco), on the basis of informal consultations held on draft resolution A/C.2/45/L.59

Environment and international trade

The General Assembly,

Reaffirming its resolution 44/228 of 22 December 1989 on the United Nations Conference on Environment and Development,

Affirming decision 384 (XXXVII) of 12 October 1990 of the Trade and Development Board, entitled "UNCTAD's contribution, within its mandate, to sustainable development", 1/

Also affirming decision 1/25 of 31 August 1990 of the Preparatory Committee for the United Nations Conference on Environment and Development, entitled "Environment and development", 2/

Reaffirming the statement on sustainable development adopted by the Governing Council of the United Nations Environment Programme at its fifteenth session, 3/

1/ See A/45/15, chap. III, sect. B.2.

2/ See A/45/46, annex I.

3/ See Official Records of the General Assembly, Forty-fourth Session, Supplement No. 25 (A/44/25), annex, decision 15/B, annex II.

1. Requests the Secretary-General of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development, in close co-operation with the Secretary-General of the United Nations Conference on Environment and Development and relevant United Nations bodies, taking into account the relevant parts of Trade and Development Board decision 384 (XXXVII) and the work done by international organizations and in other relevant forums and in conformity with General Assembly resolution 44/228, in which it was acknowledged that environmental concerns and considerations are crucial to achieving sustainable development for all countries but should not serve as a pretext for creating unjustified barriers to trade, to prepare a comprehensive analytical study, to be submitted to the Preparatory Committee for the United Nations Conference on Environment and Development at its third session, on the present situation and future trends regarding the relation between environmental issues and international trade and covering, inter alia, the following subjects:

(a) The consideration of trade and environment, in the light of the analysis requested of the Secretary-General of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development in paragraph 5 of Trade and Development Board decision 384 (XXXVII) concerning the issue of sustainable development, in particular the reduction of poverty and its interface with policies and mechanisms in environmentally sensitive sectors, such as agriculture, energy, industry and transport, as well as with relevant structural policies, such as those related to the enterprise sector;

(b) Adjustment of the Trade Control Measures Information System of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development to monitor environmental regulations for possible protectionism and to monitor non-tariff measures which have a bearing on the environment, in accordance with paragraph 6 of Trade and Development Board decision 384 (XXXVII);

2. Requests the Secretary-General of the United Nations Conference on Environment and Development to consult the Secretary-General of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development and other relevant United Nations organs, organizations and programmes in preparing, for submission to the Preparatory Committee at its third session, the report on transfer of technology, including, inter alia, the obstacles on both the importing and exporting sides, that impede the transfer of environmentally sound technologies, requested by the Preparatory Committee in decision 1/8.